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RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE CONCEPT OF RETROACTIVE GRANTING OF DIPLOMAS TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN DENIED DIPLOMAS DUE SOLELY TO FAILING THE GATEWAY EXAMINATION AND DIRECTING STAFF TO INVITE THE CITY AND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON THIS ISSUE. SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER STEVE MULROY.

WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of the Shelby County Board of Commissioners that numerous students in the State of Tennessee have been denied high school diplomas due solely to their failure to pass the Gateway Examination; and

WHEREAS, This County Commission supports the retroactive granting of diplomas to those students who were denied diplomas due solely to their failure to pass the Gateway Examination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, That the Shelby County Board of Commissioners hereby endorses the concept of retroactively granting diplomas to students who were denied diplomas due solely to their failure to pass the Gateway Examination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That County Commission staff is directed to contact the President of the Memphis City School Board and Chairman of the Shelby County School Board to invite feedback on this issue at the April 27, 2009 meeting of the Shelby County Board of Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall take effect immediately, the public welfare requiring the same.

A C Wharton, Jr., County Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED: _____